

# BIG GUESSING CONTEST.

**WHO Will Be Elected President of the United States at the Coming Election?**

**HOW MANY VOTES WILL HE GET?**

**The West Virginian Proposes to Give the Best Guessers Some Liberal Prizes.**

## HERE IS THE PLAN:

We will give to our Patrons and Subscribers **\$250.00 IN GOLD**

on the following conditions:

To the person estimating the exact number, or the nearest the exact number of votes cast for the winner in the Presidential contest, we will give \$100.00 in gold.

To the person guessing the next nearest number, \$50.00 in gold.

To the third nearest guesses, \$25.00 in gold.

To the five next nearest, each \$10.00.

To the five next nearest, each \$5.00 in gold.

The thirteen people in this case will be the lucky ones.

### CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST:

1. Each person who is a regular subscriber to the Daily West Virginian on July 6, is entitled to one guess. 2. Each person paying one dollar for a three months' subscription to the West Virginian beginning after July 6 will be entitled to one guess. 3. Any person paying in advance for one year will be entitled to four estimates, or for any part of a year in the same manner, each one dollar paid on subscription entitling the subscriber to a guess. 4. Any person securing two subscribers for three months and paying us two dollars, will be entitled to one guess, or additional guesses in the same proportion, one guess for each two dollars, sent in. The person securing the subscription will be entitled to guess and the persons subscribing will also be entitled to guesses.

### TO AID IN MAKING THE ESTIMATE:

In 1892,  
Grover Cleveland received 5,552,351 votes.  
Benjamin Harrison received 5,176,336 votes.

In 1896,  
William McKinley received 7,111,607 votes.  
William J. Bryan received 6,509,052 votes.

In 1900,  
William McKinley received 7,263,266 votes.  
William J. Bryan received 6,415,387 votes.

The guess or guesses of each individual will be kept secret. Who will be the first to record his guess? Remember it begins on Wednesday, July 6. Some one will get first prize, why not you?

## ADDRESS OF DEMOCRATIC HONEST MONEY LEAGUE

### A CARD

FROM THE REPUBLICAN STATE LEADERS.

To the Voters of West Virginia:

The undersigned desire earnestly to call the attention of the people of this State to the fact that the principal aim of the enemies of "tax reform" is to defeat Hon. W. M. O. Dawson, the Republican nominee for governor. His defeat will be interpreted as a fatal defeat of the movement for a better and juster system of taxation. To accomplish Mr. Dawson's defeat the Democratic managers are industriously seeking to convey the impression that Mr. Dawson has "shifted his ground," that he has changed his position on the taxation question since his nomination, and has sold out to the corporations. These same Democratic managers are spreading throughout the State, by printed matter and by hired agents, the most shameful misrepresentations of the new tax laws enacted by the late special session of the Legislature.

The undersigned earnestly urge upon every taxpayer of the State who favors reformation of our laws concerning taxation to uphold these laws and to rally to the support of Mr. Dawson. Do not be deceived. These laws are in the interest of the whole body of the people.

Mr. Dawson, by his long service in public life, is eminently fitted to discharge the duties of the governor's office. He is honest, sincere, well equipped, conservative and just. He will treat every citizen and interest justly. His defeat would be a crushing blow to the cause of honest and just taxation.

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B. S. POPE,  
WALTER HOLLE,  
P. W. MORRIS,  
C. E. HAWORTH.

### BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

Very Low Rate Sunday Excursion Tickets On Sale May 15.

Effective May 15 and continuing every Sunday thereafter until further notice, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will place on sale excursion tickets between stations of Wheeling and Grafton, good going East bound on regular train No. 72, leaving Fairmont at 10:52 A. M., and returning on regular trains No. 71-55, leaving Grafton 12:40 noon, and 6:50 P. M., and good going West bound on regular train No. 5, leaving Fairmont at 7:45 A. M., and returning on regular train No. 4, leaving Wheeling at 5:00 P. M. For tickets and full information, call on ticket agent.

T. B. HENDERSON.

### BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

Cheap Excursions to the St. Louis World's Fair, Every Wednesday In October and November. Only \$13.00 Round Trip From Fairmont.

Tickets will be good going in coaches only on Specified Trains.

Returning, tickets will be good in coaches only on all regular trains, leaving St. Louis not later than ten days, including date of sale.

Call on Ticket Agent for time of train and full information.

### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Marion Silas Stone Company of the city of Fairmont, will be held at its offices, Nos. 1 and 2 Cunningham building, Fairmont, West Virginia, on Wednesday the 26th day of October, 1904, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that might come before the meeting.

HOWARD W. SHOWALTER,  
Secretary.

'Tis the grand shoe of to-day—W. L. Douglass. C. B. Highland.

A CALL TO THE MEN WHO VOTED FOR MCKINLEY TO STAND BY ROOSEVELT THIS YEAR.

HE IS DESCRIBED AS A MAN OF CONVICTIONS AND COURAGE TO MAINTAIN THEM.

The Democratic Honest Money League of America, recognizing the vital importance to our country of the permanent establishment of the Gold Standard and of a sound monetary system based thereon as the underlying chord of our prosperity, urges, not only upon all Gold Democrats but upon all friends of honest money the necessity for their support in this campaign of the only candidate whose election will give assurance of such establishment.

Since 1900 we have, as Democrats, indulged the hope that the Democratic party would, in 1904, renounce the heresies the adoption of which in 1895 forced us to sever our relations with our party. But the action of the St. Louis convention in refusing recognition of the Gold Standard and the declaration of that body, and of the party leaders and the press, that "the money question is settled and therefore not an issue," convince us that our work is still unfinished. The absolute abandonment of the Free Silver doctrine is essential to the preservation of our National honor and prosperity.

The mere declaration of Judge Parker that he considers the Gold Standard irrevocably established does not assure us that he favors it and will not abandon such standard. If later experience shows that it can be done. Interpreted impartially his declaration must be held as sincere and consistent with his conviction that the silver standard should be adopted, as indicated by his twice supporting the candidate for the Presidential office upon that platform. If elected, therefore, Judge Parker may in perfect good faith say that he has discovered that the Gold Standard is not irrevocably established and therefore a change to what he deems the more desirable policy—the Silver Standard—should be made.

Therefore, this organization, composed of business men of Democratic faith, who hold country above party as the first and highest duty of the citizen, in the interest of the great cause which eight years ago separated us from old party associations, ask the men of 1895 to again stand with us, in this campaign for National honor and safety, and honest money, by supporting Theodore Roosevelt for the Presidency.

The establishment and maintenance of a sound, safe and adequate monetary system, vitally essential as it is to National prosperity, is not and should not be allowed to be a political question, much less a partisan one. It is one of economics. And our support of a party and its candidate must be given, not because they are Republican or Democratic, but solely because of their attitude toward that question, and the assurance thereby afforded of what action may be expected from them. Measuring both parties by their record during the past eight years, we hold that the only hope for the accomplishment of our aim is through the Republican party, which recognizes the fact that there is yet much to be done toward that end. There can be no doubt as to his attitude on this question, which affects, more than any other, the welfare of the country. Even if the other issues sought to be introduced by his opponents were supported by evidence, their importance must be deemed relatively slight as compared with the maintenance of a monetary system that assures absolute safety to citizens of all classes. It is an unquestionable fact that there is a large element in this country which believes in the Silver Standard, and that between the accomplishment of their designs and the welfare and credit of the American people stands only Theodore Roosevelt. It must also be remembered that a sound money Congress is necessary to the success of our cause, and in the contest now being waged great care should be taken that only men pledged to support the Gold Standard and necessary monetary reform are elected.

With the old spirit of 1895 let us again rally to the support of the flag of Honest Money, as represented by Theodore Roosevelt—not as a Republican, but as a man of convictions and of the courage to maintain them.

THE DEMOCRATIC HONEST MONEY LEAGUE OF AMERICA.  
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Some nice lots on Hamilton Hill for sale at a good bargain. H. H. Lanham.

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Various forms of excursion tickets to St. Louis, via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad not on sale from Fairmont as follows:

SEASON TICKETS, good to return until December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at the rate of \$26.00 round trip.

SIXTY DAY Excursion Tickets, final limit not later than December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at rate of \$22.10 round trip.

FIFTEEN DAY Excursion tickets, to be sold daily at rate of \$13.60 round trip.

VARIABLE ROUTE EXCURSION tickets, either season or sixty day, will be sold going via one direct route and returning via another direct route, full information concerning which can be obtained from Ticket Agent.

STOPOVERS not exceeding ten days at each point will be allowed at Washington, Deer Park, Mountain Lake Park, Oakland, Mitchell, Ind. (for French Lick and West Baden Springs), Cincinnati and Chicago within return limit, upon arrival to conductor and deposit of ticket with Depot Ticket Agent immediately upon arrival.

STOPOVERS not exceeding ten days will be allowed at St. Louis on all oneway (except Colonists' Tickets to the Pacific Coast and round trip tickets reading to points beyond St. Louis, upon deposit of ticket with Validating Agent and payment of fee of \$1.00.

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